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## **NEWS**

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# EPA Picks Critic of Bush Ozone Limits to Advise on Air Rules

The Environmental Protection Agency has named a Midwestern air official to a panel that advises it on clean air issues, despite objections by a Republican senator....

#### Air Pollution

EPA Reconsiders Refinery Standards to Shore Up Rule
The Environmental Protection Agency is reconsidering aspects of
its recently issued toxic air pollutant standards for refineries in
an effort to shore up the rule's legality, the petroleum industry
said....

# Air Pollution

Newspaper Notification Requirements Revoked by EPA
State and local permitting authorities will no longer be required
publish newspaper notices about pending Clean Air Act permits,
thanks to an Environmental Protection Agency rule change....

## Chemicals

#### Correction

An Oct. 6 article about EPA's efforts to update the amended chemicals law inventory incorrectly described the agency's deadline to review confidential business information (CBI) requests companies make for chemical identities....

### Chemicals

Lost Wages Claims in Elk River Spill Cases OKed

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Eastman Chemical Co. must face lost wages claims in a class action stemming from a 2014 chemical spill in West Virginia, the Southern District of West Virginia ruled Oct. 6 (Good v. Am. Water Works Co., Inc. , S.D. W.Va., No. 14-cv-01374, 10/6/16)....

# Chemical Testing

Animals, Costs Saved With Predictive Tools, Trade Group Says

Cleaning product manufacturers prevented the sacrifice of more than 100,000 test animals and saved about \$50 million dollars in chemical testing costs by using predictive computer and analytic tools to provide data on high production volume...

## Climate Change

Aviation Emissions Deal Could Be Model for Shipping: EU Official

An international agreement on carbon-neutral growth for the aviation industry could prove a template for curbing greenhouse gas emissions from shipping, the European Union's top transportation official said Oct. 7....

## Climate Change

FHWA Offers Advice on CEQ's NEPA-Climate Guidance Steps to help transportation agencies consider potential greenhouse gas emissions from highway projects and analyze how climate change might affect projects were outlined by federal highway officials in an Oct. 4 webinar....

# Drinking Water

Emphasize Affordability in Drinking Water Plan, EPA Told The national drinking water action plan expected to be released this year by the EPA should strive not only for water that is clean and safe, but also for changes that are affordable for local governments, officials said Oct. 7....

## Endangered Species

Pacific Bluefin Tuna Considered for U.S. Protections
The Pacific bluefin tuna, a favorite target of much commercial
and recreational fishing and a prized food in sushi restaurants,
will be evaluated for possible protection under the Endangered
Species Act, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries...

# Hydraulic Fracturing

As Fracking Gets U.K. Nod, a U.S.-Inspired Boom Is Far Away

Four wells are better than none if you are trying to assess whether your country could host the next shale boom—but it's not nearly enough....

### International Climate

Airline Pollution Deal Hinges on World of Carbon Offsets
The United Nations aviation climate accord hinges on creating a
system requiring companies to spend billions of dollars to protect
forests, build solar farms and more. The trick will be ensuring
those projects are legitimate....

#### International Climate

Climate Pact Transparency May Spur Collaboration: Officials

Transparency requirements included in the Paris Agreement set to take effect in November may spur additional action and collaboration in battling climate change, federal and state officials said Oct. 7....

## International Climate

Germany Says It May Miss Carbon Target, Days After Paris Germany, the biggest economy in Europe that spews the most greenhouse gas, says it will struggle to achieve voluntary emission cuts by the end of the decade....

## Natural Resources

Good Samaritan Bills Elusive Despite Gold King Mine Spill Good Samaritan legislation that would relieve those who clean up abandoned mines of third-party liability has been controversial despite heightened attention to the problem after the 2015 Gold King Mine spill, a Colorado mining official...

#### Oil & Gas

EPA Agrees to Review Natural Gas Emissions Estimates
The Environmental Protection Agency agreed to review and
update, if necessary, its estimates of the level of ozone-forming
pollution emitted from natural gas wells (Air Alliance Houston v.
McCarthy, D.D.C., No. 1:16-cv-1998, 10/7/16)....

## Oil & Gas

Oil Clout Ebbs in Alaska as Billions in Tax Credits Trimmed Alaska and its drillers are drifting apart, four decades after the state unlocked America's biggest oilfield....

# Radioactive Waste

DOE Owes Entergy \$13.8M in Nuclear Waste Lawsuit: Court

The Energy Department owes Entergy Nuclear Palisades LLC approximately \$13.8 million in damages for the department's failure to remove spent nuclear fuel from the Michigan-based nuclear power plant, according to a federal court...

## Renewable Energy

Merkel Lawmakers Sound Alarm as Clean Power Fees Poised to Climb

A likely jump next year in the clean energy surcharge that Germans pay on electricity is rattling lawmakers in Berlin, who say higher fees could have been avoided by putting a brake on renewable energy....

## Toxic Substances

Sweden Bans Glyphosate, POE-Tallowamine Combinations Sweden is banning herbicides containing combinations of glyphosate and POE-tallowamine, the nation's Chemicals Agency said Oct. 4. ...

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